

Advanced Reciprocating Engines

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Background

- US power generation capacity is increasing ~2.6% annually (Worldwide ~ 3%)
- Much of this power is large turbines, but reciprocating engines play an important role for distributed resources
- Climate change has placed an emphasis on efficiency (CO_2), while air quality issues have placed an emphasis on NO_x
- Natural gas engines have potential to fulfill the market requirements for low NO_x and high efficiency





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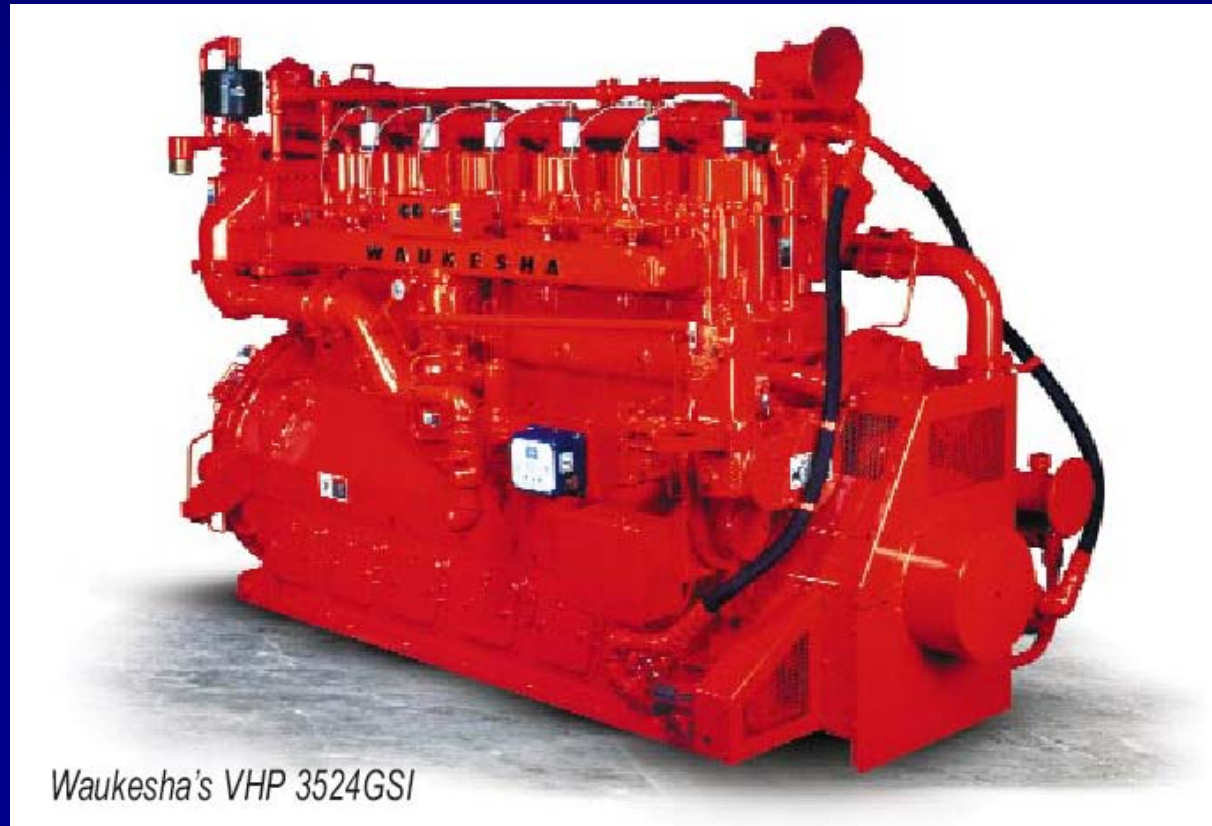
- Development efforts to improve the performance and emission to unprecedented levels are on-going
- Two notable U.S. efforts are
 - **ARES - Advanced Reciprocating Engine Systems**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy
 - **ARICE - Advanced Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine**, sponsored by the California Energy Commission





Why reciprocating engines?

- Cost
- Flexibility
- Reliability
- Efficiency

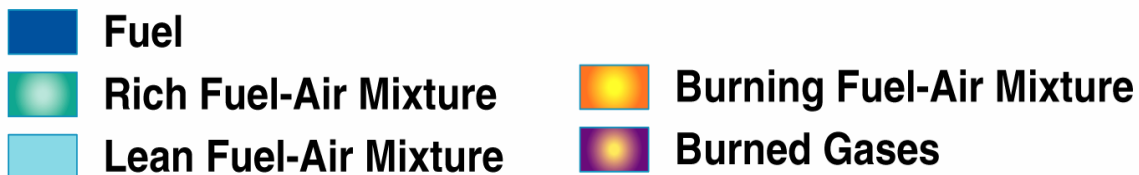
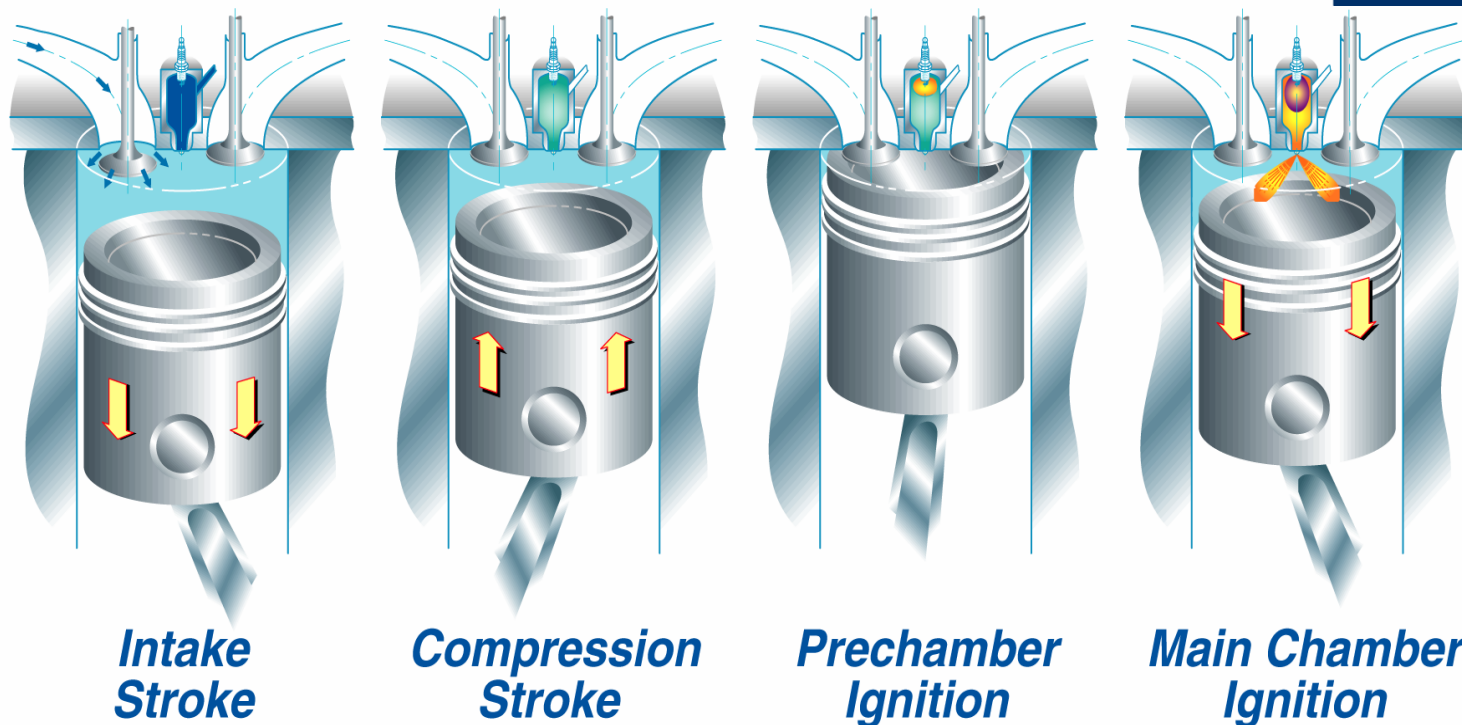
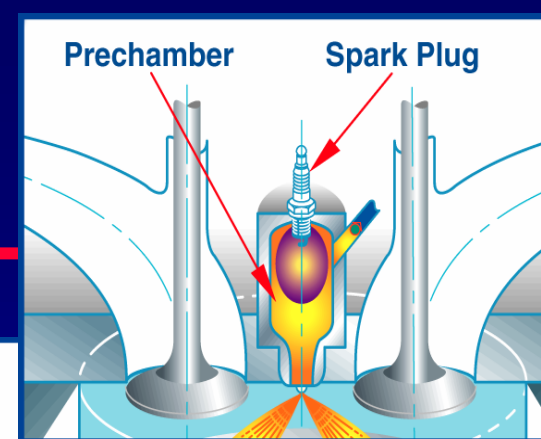


Waukesha's VHP 3524GSI

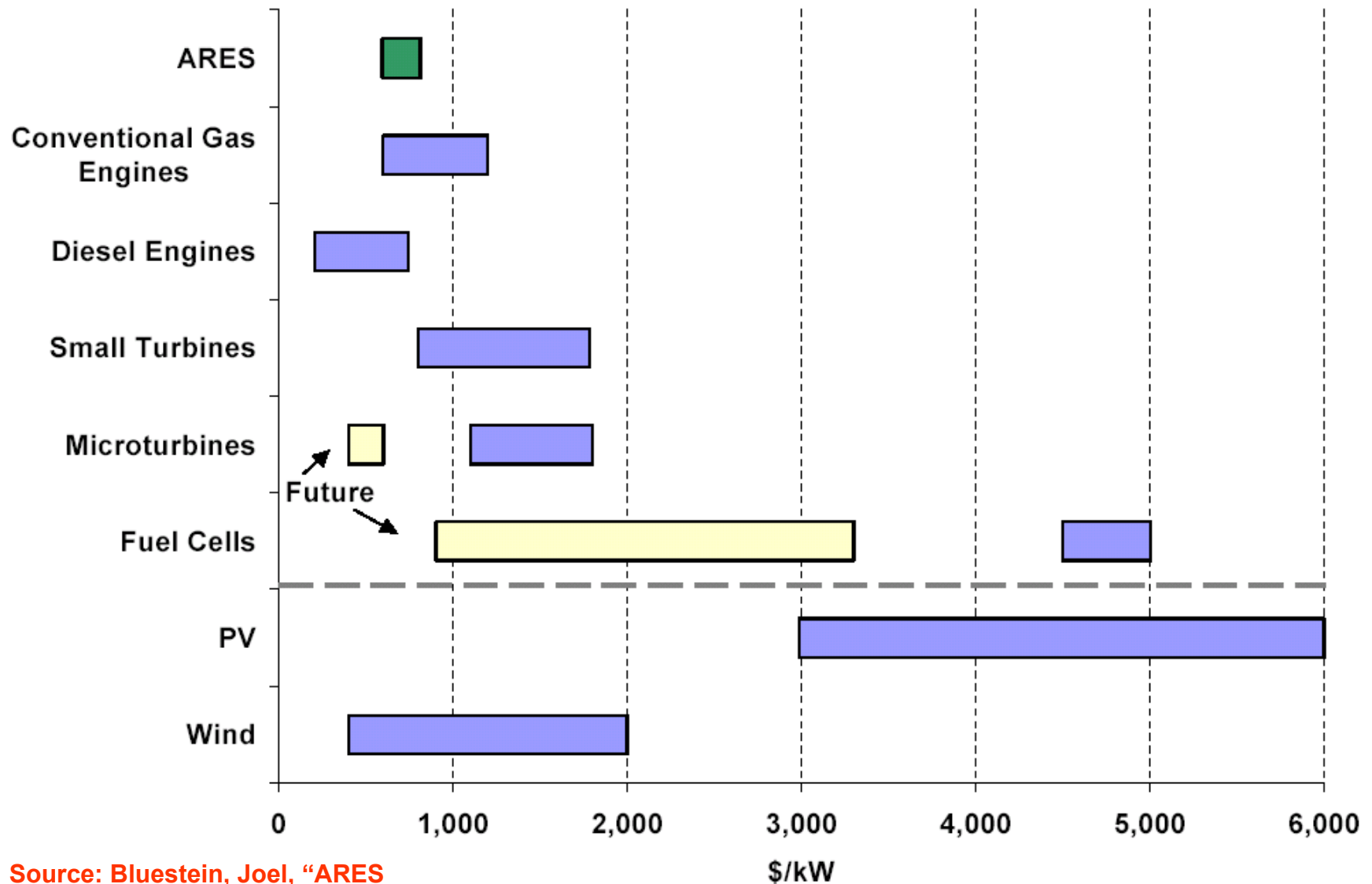




Spark-Ignited, Prechamber, Natural Gas Engine Combustion Concept



Installed Cost Comparison



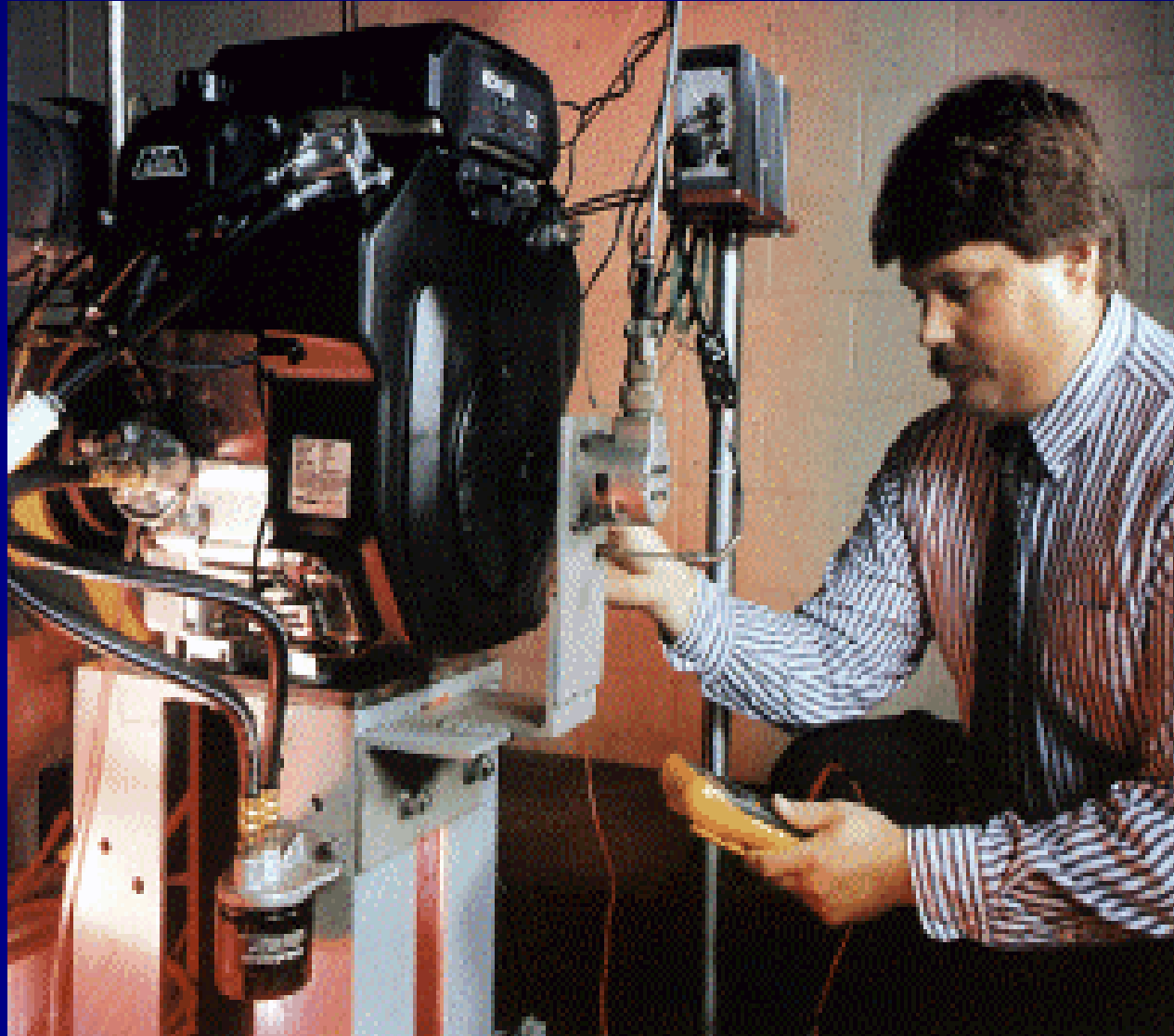
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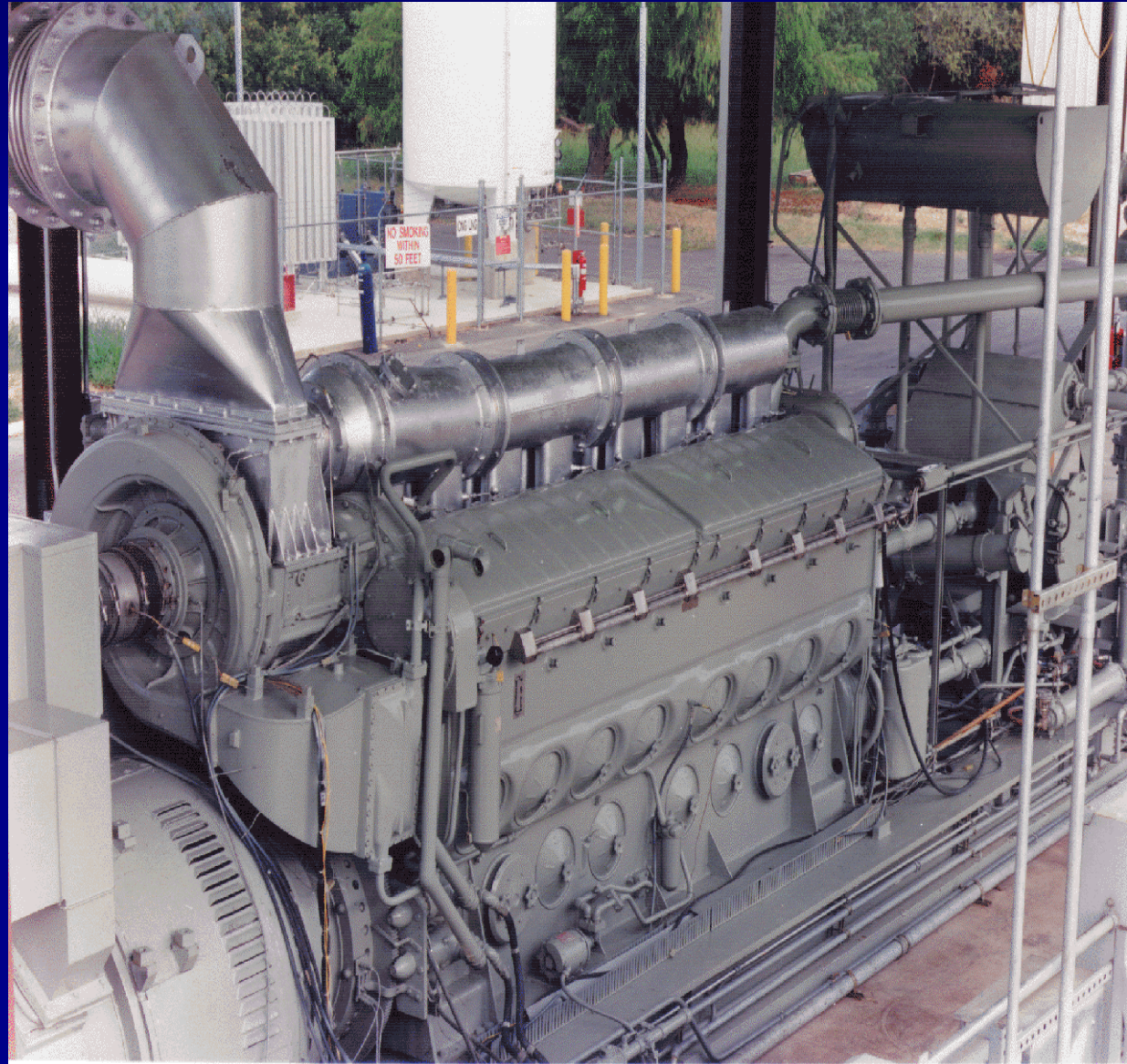
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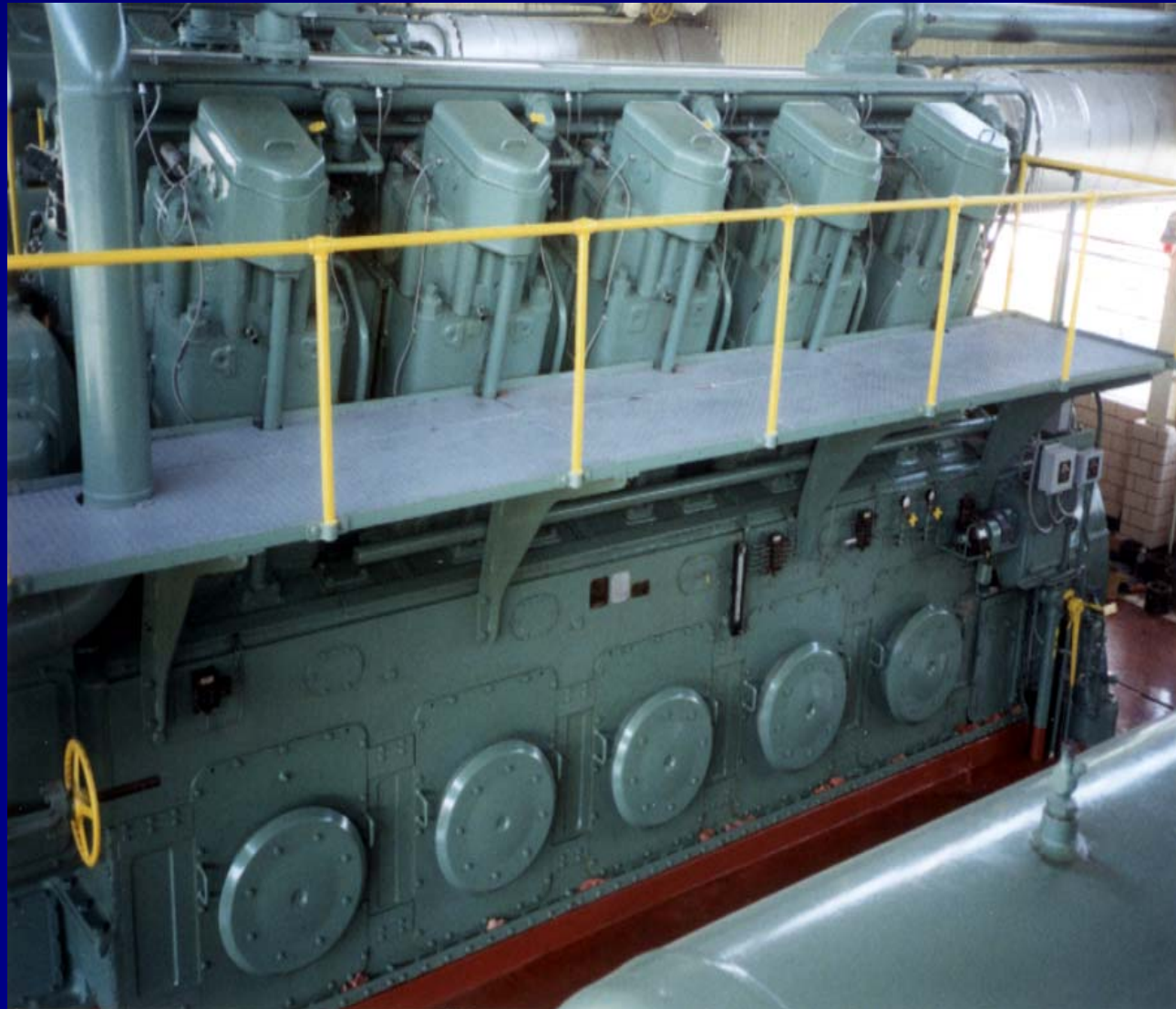
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- Stationary





Engine Piston Comparison

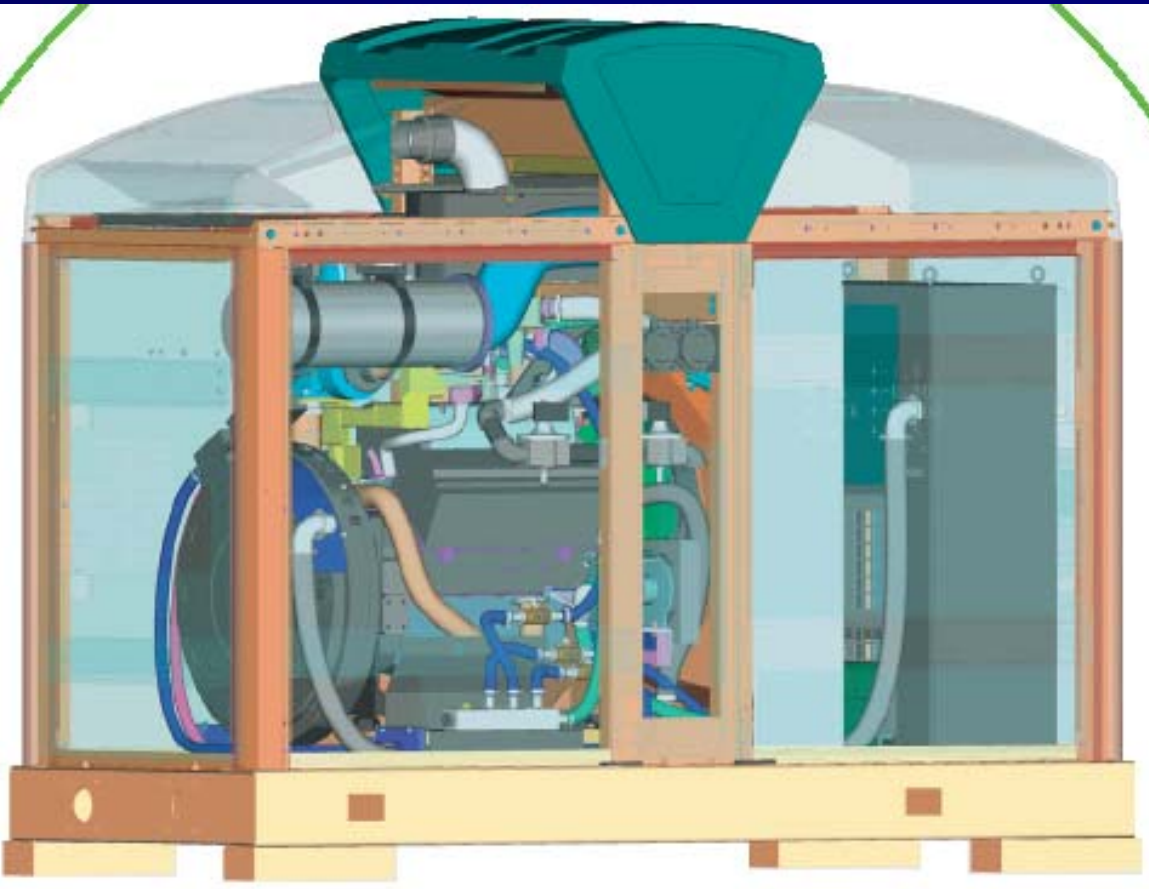


Scale





150 kW Genset



- Engines of many different sizes are being adapted to power generation to fulfill the need for distributed power
- 8.1 liter automotive engine



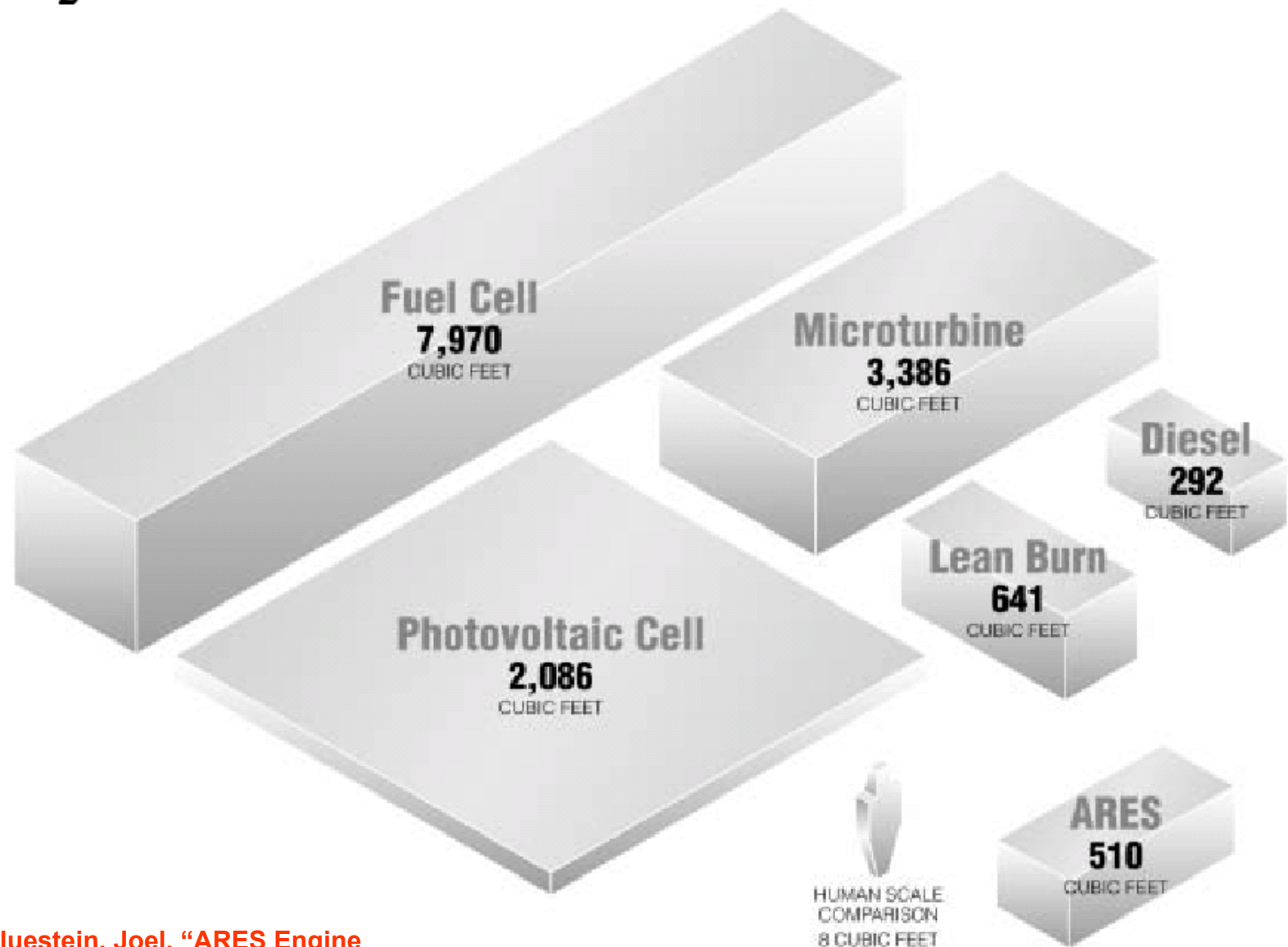
2000 kW Genset



- CAT G3520
- 86 liter engine designed as a stationary platform



Physical Size - 500 kW Generator




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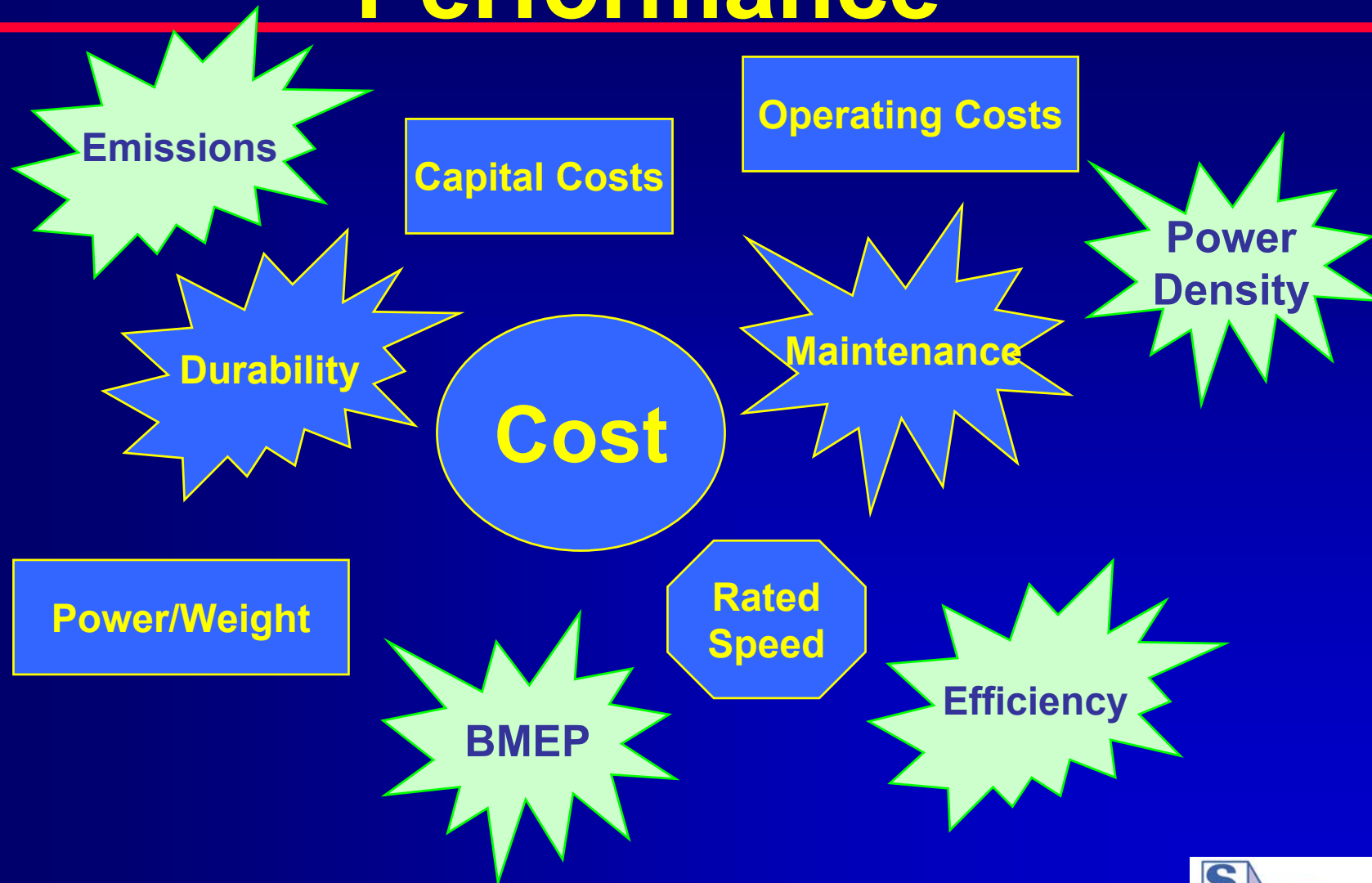
Manufacturers of Large Natural Gas Engines

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- Caterpillar, Inc
 - Cummins Engine Company, Inc
 - Deutz
 - Fairbanks Morse Engine
 - Guascor
 - Jenbacher
 - MAN B&W
 - Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
 - MTU
 - Niigata Engineering Company
 - Perkins Engine Company
 - Rolls-Royce
 - Wärtsilä
 - Waukesha Engine





Aspects of Engine Performance





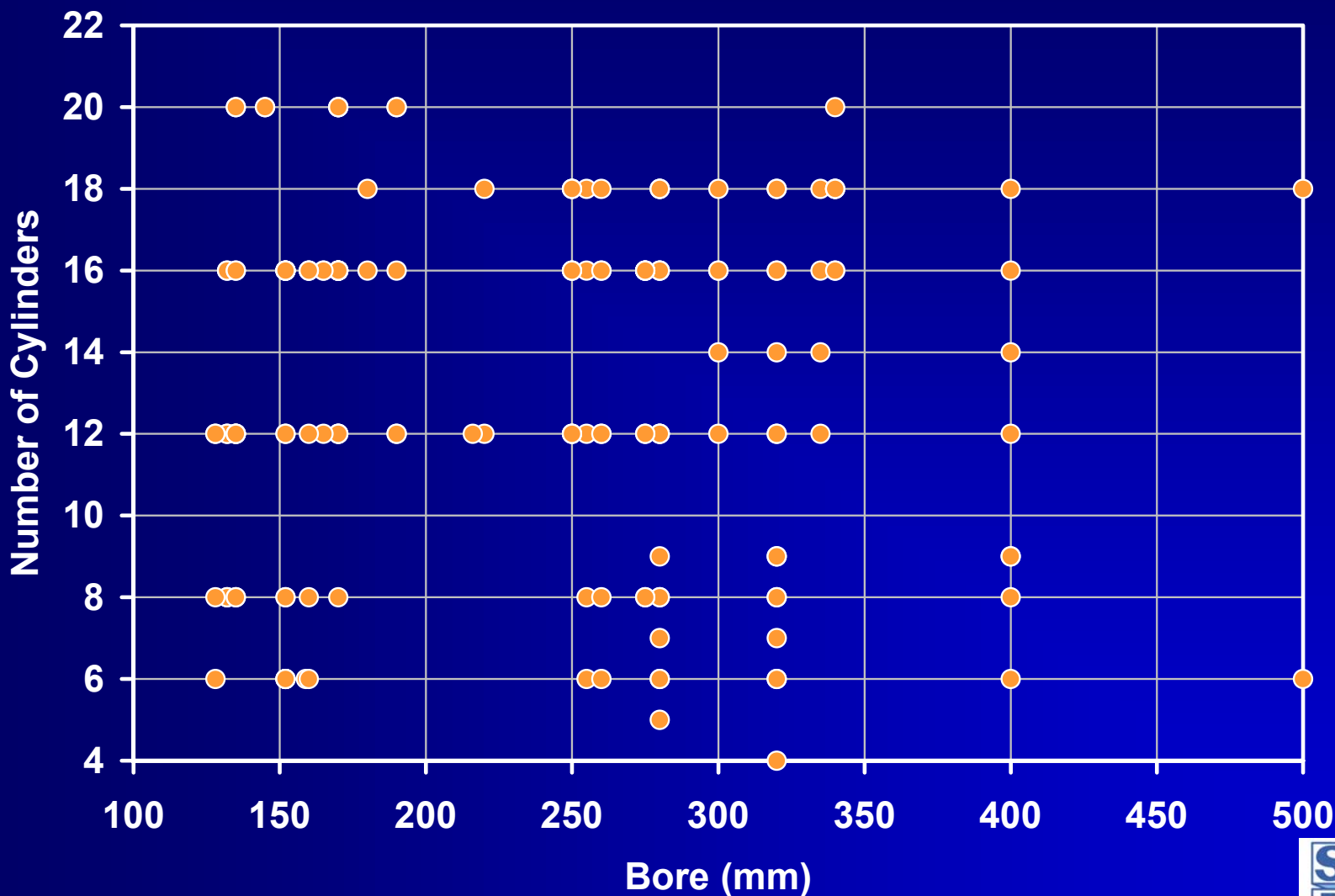
Engine Characteristics

- Number of Cylinders
- Bore (mm) (diameter of piston/cylinder)
- Speed (rpm)
- Power (MW)
- Power Density (kW/liter)
- BMEP (bar)



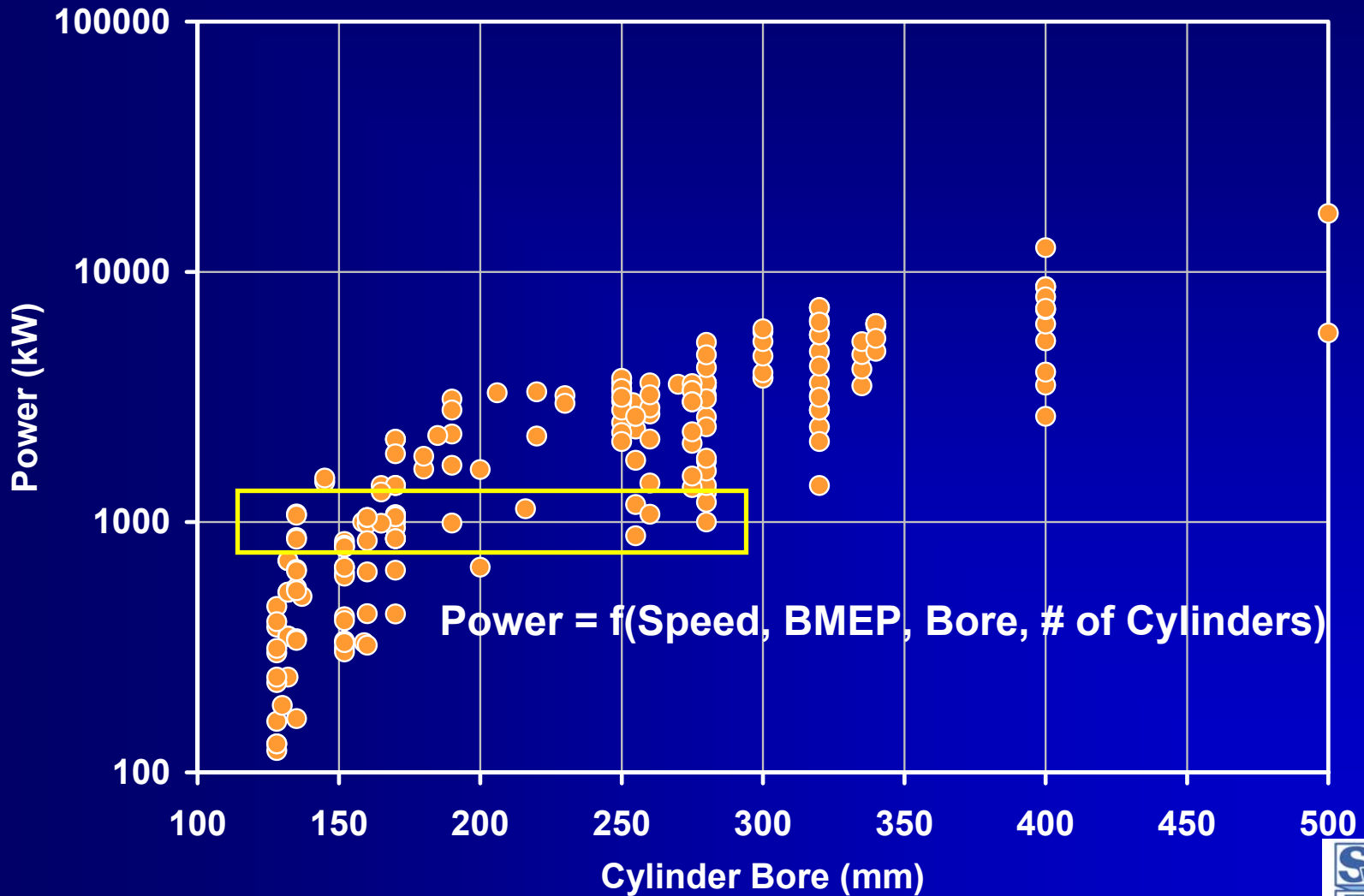


Number of Cylinders versus Engine Bore Diameter



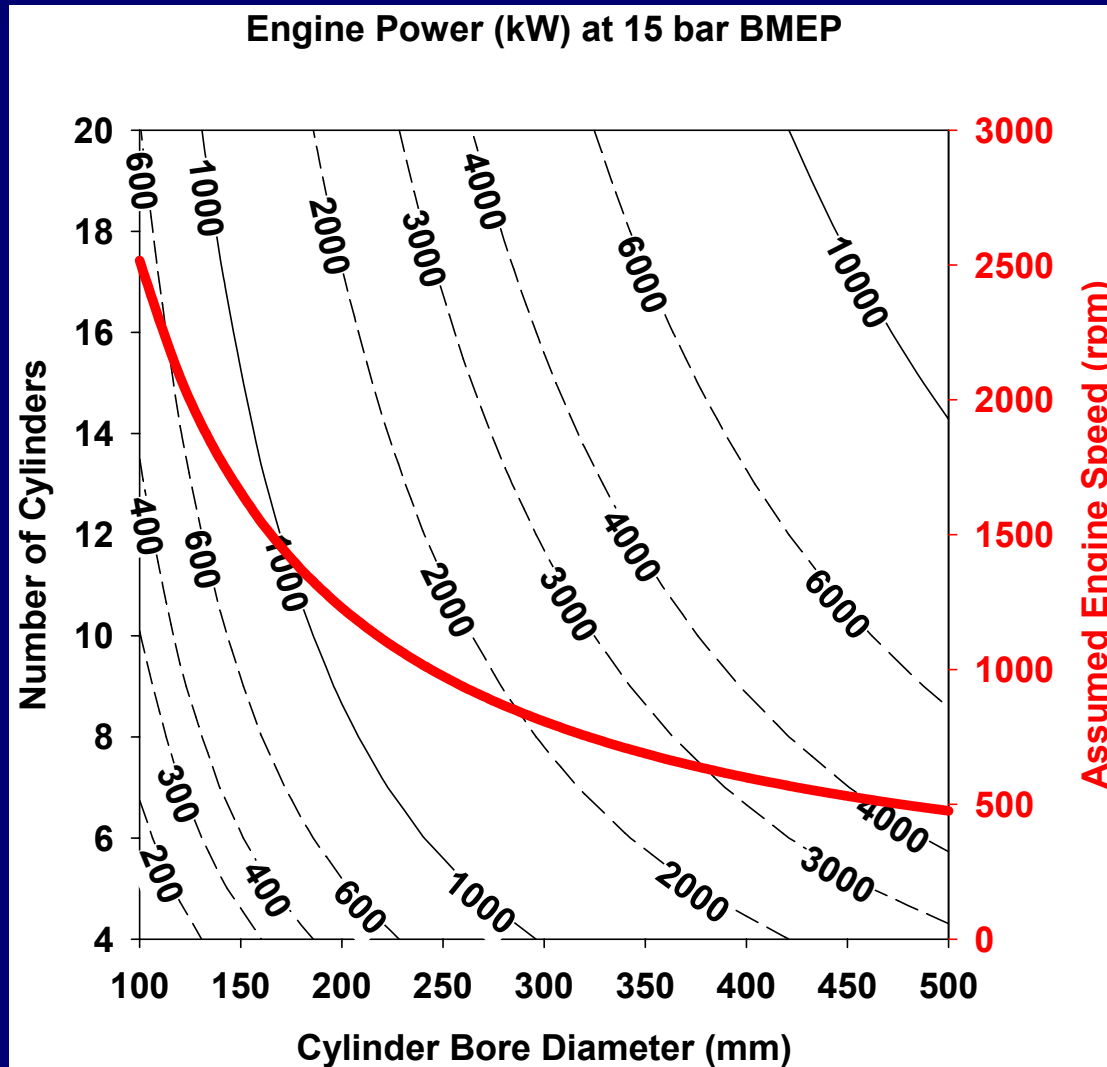


Engine Power versus Engine Bore Diameter



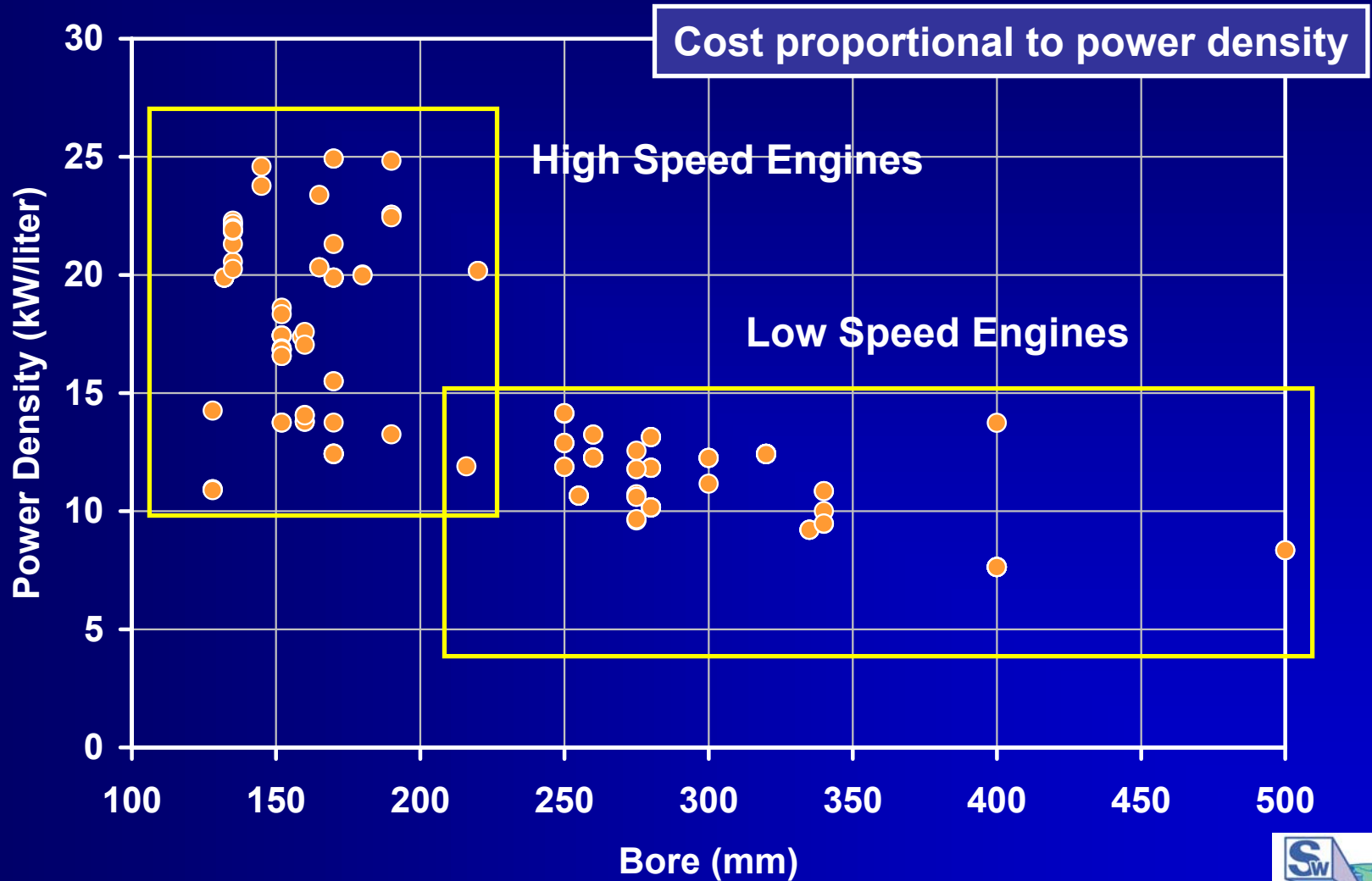


Power and Speed Range for Engines of Various Sizes



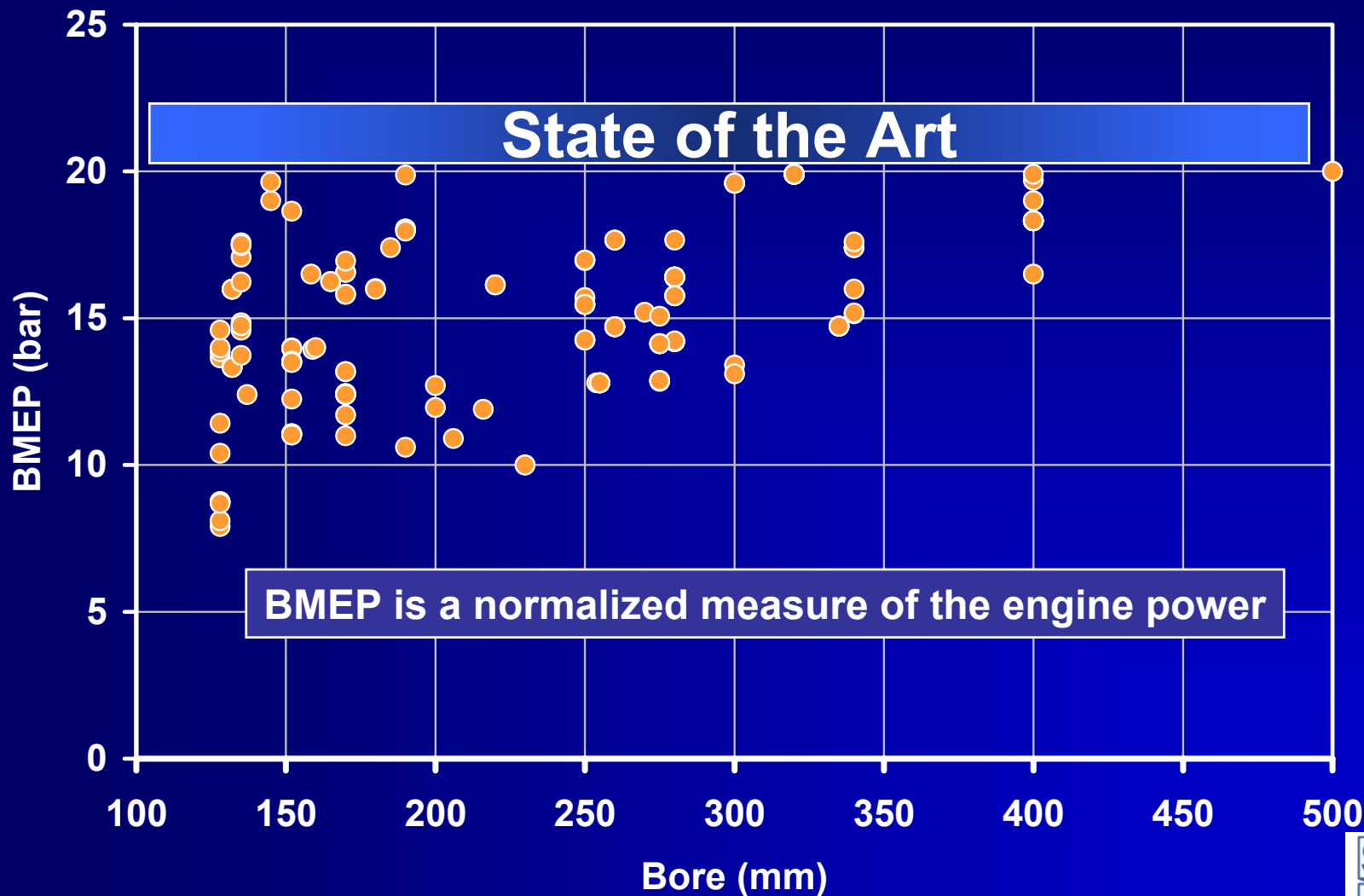


Power Density versus Engine Bore Diameter



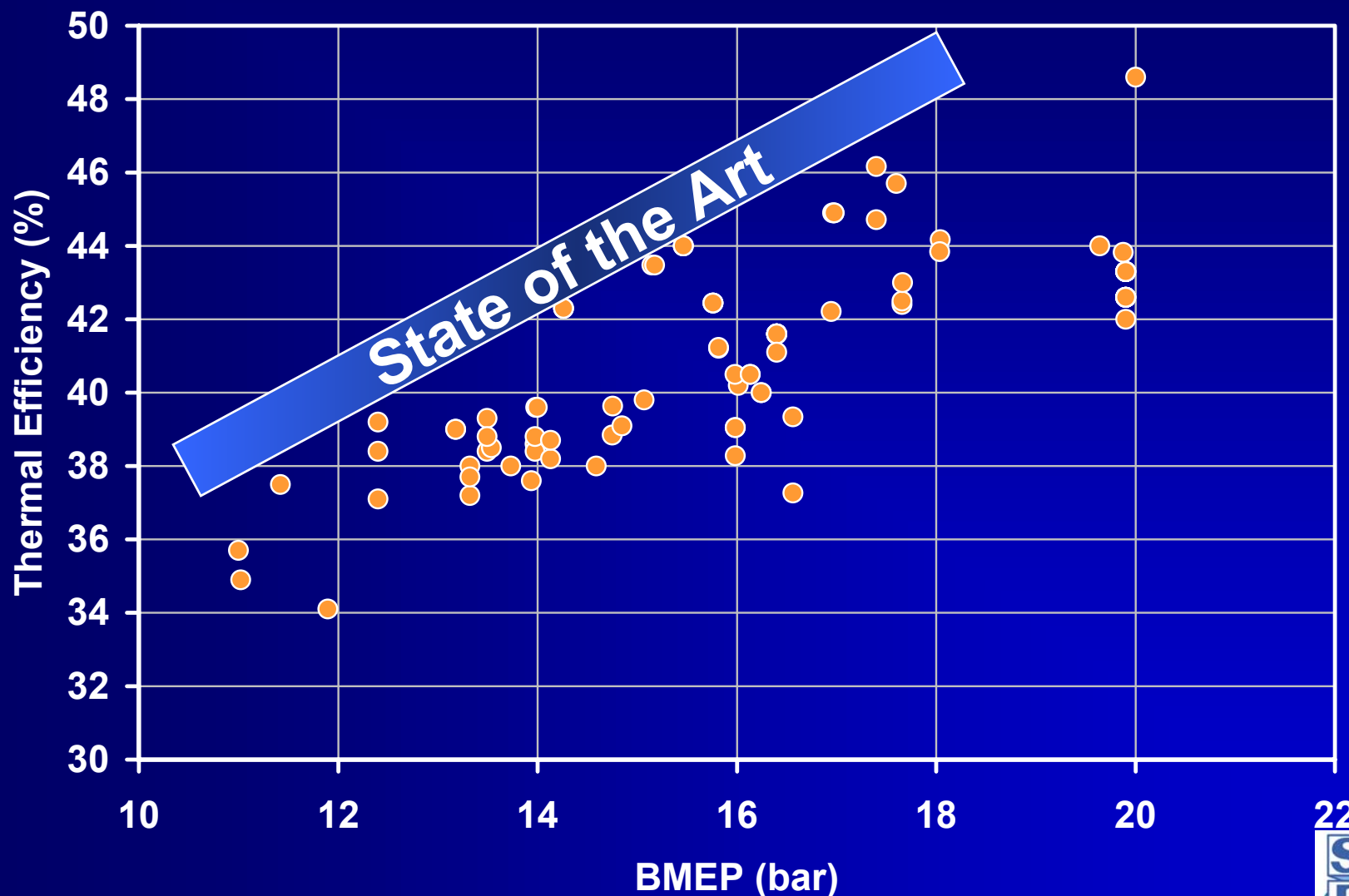


BMEP versus Engine Bore Diameter



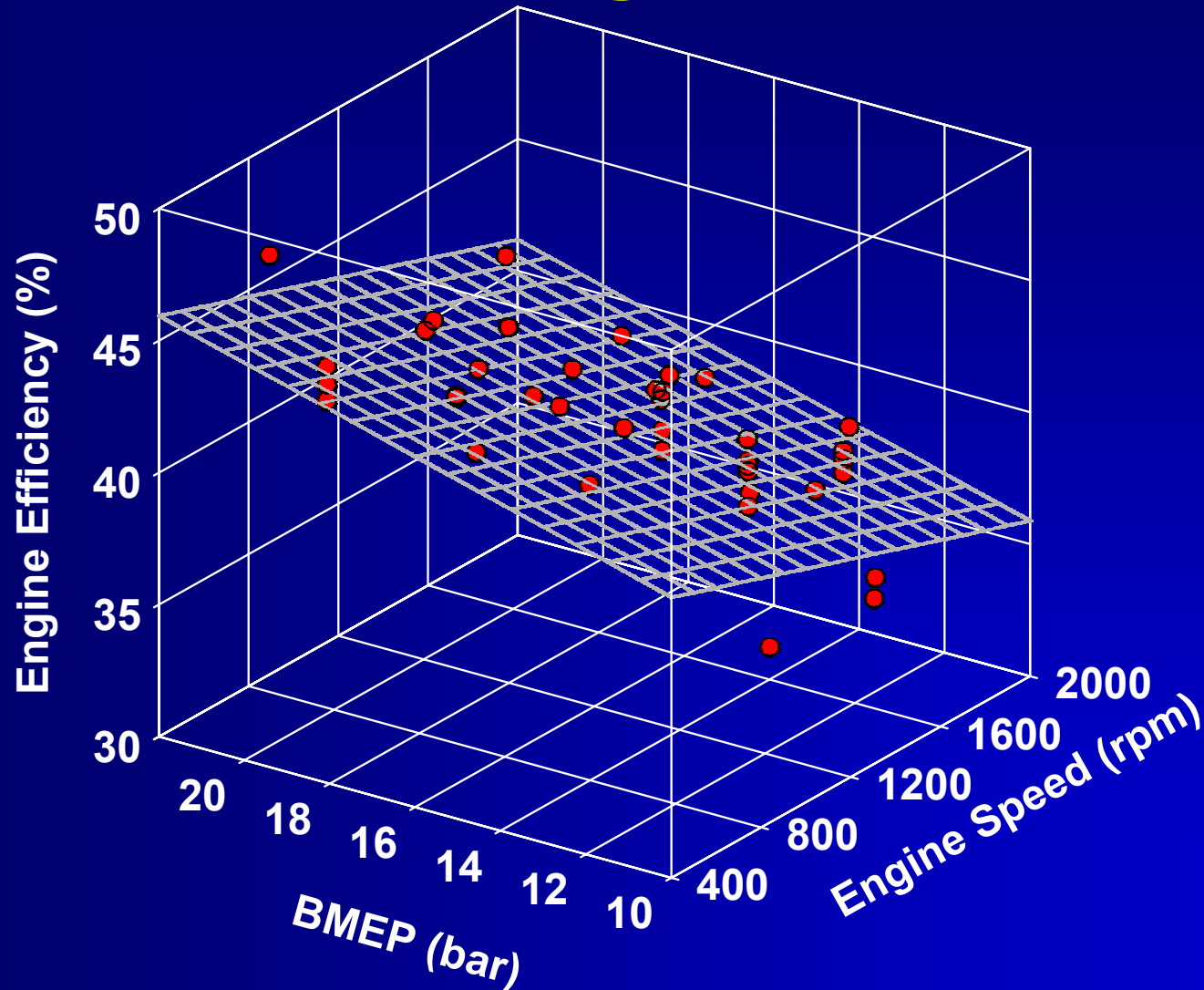


Impact of BMEP on Engine Efficiency ($\text{NO}_x < 1.2 \text{ g/bhp-hr}$)



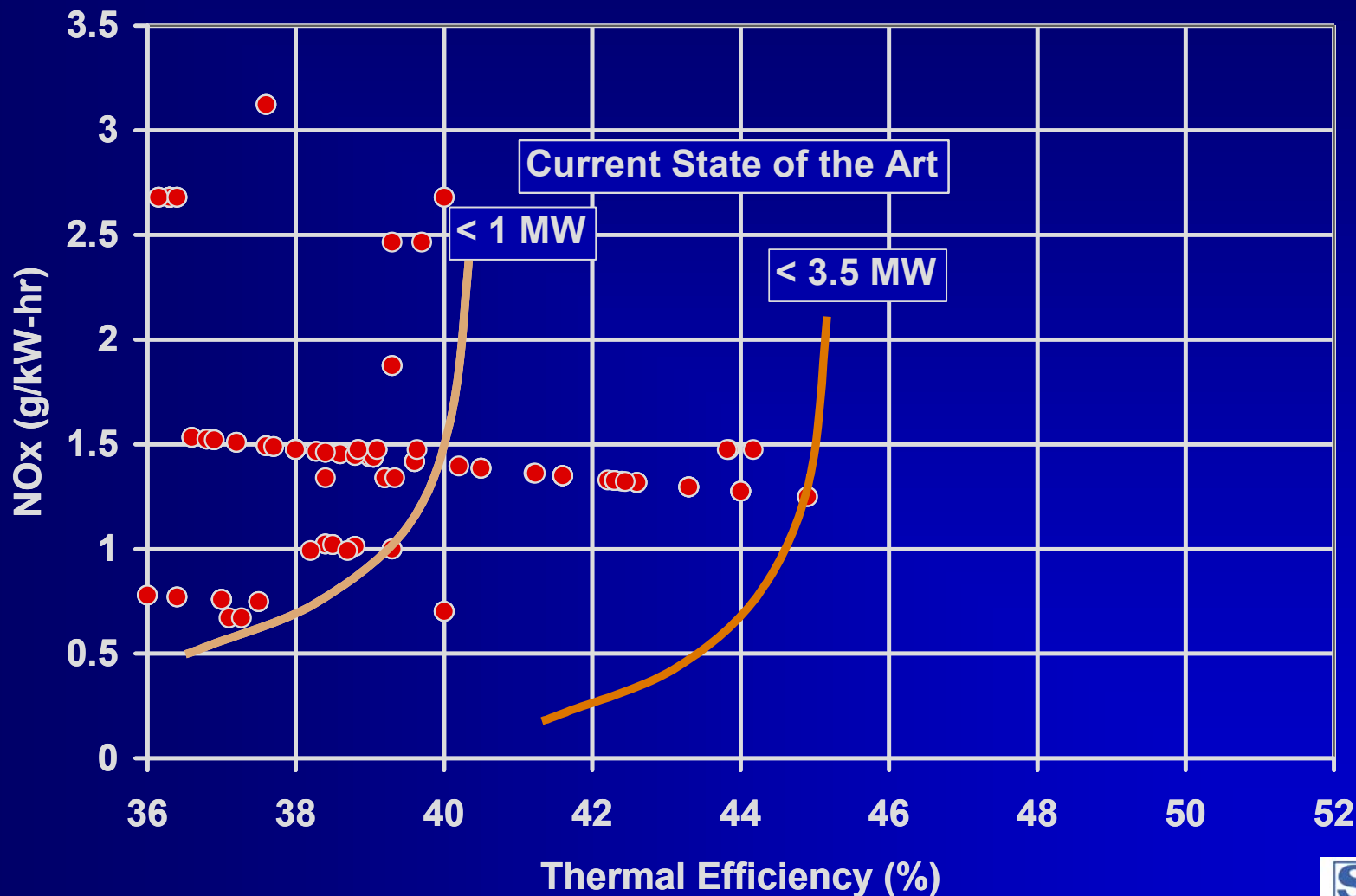


Impact of BMEP and Engine Speed on Engine Efficiency



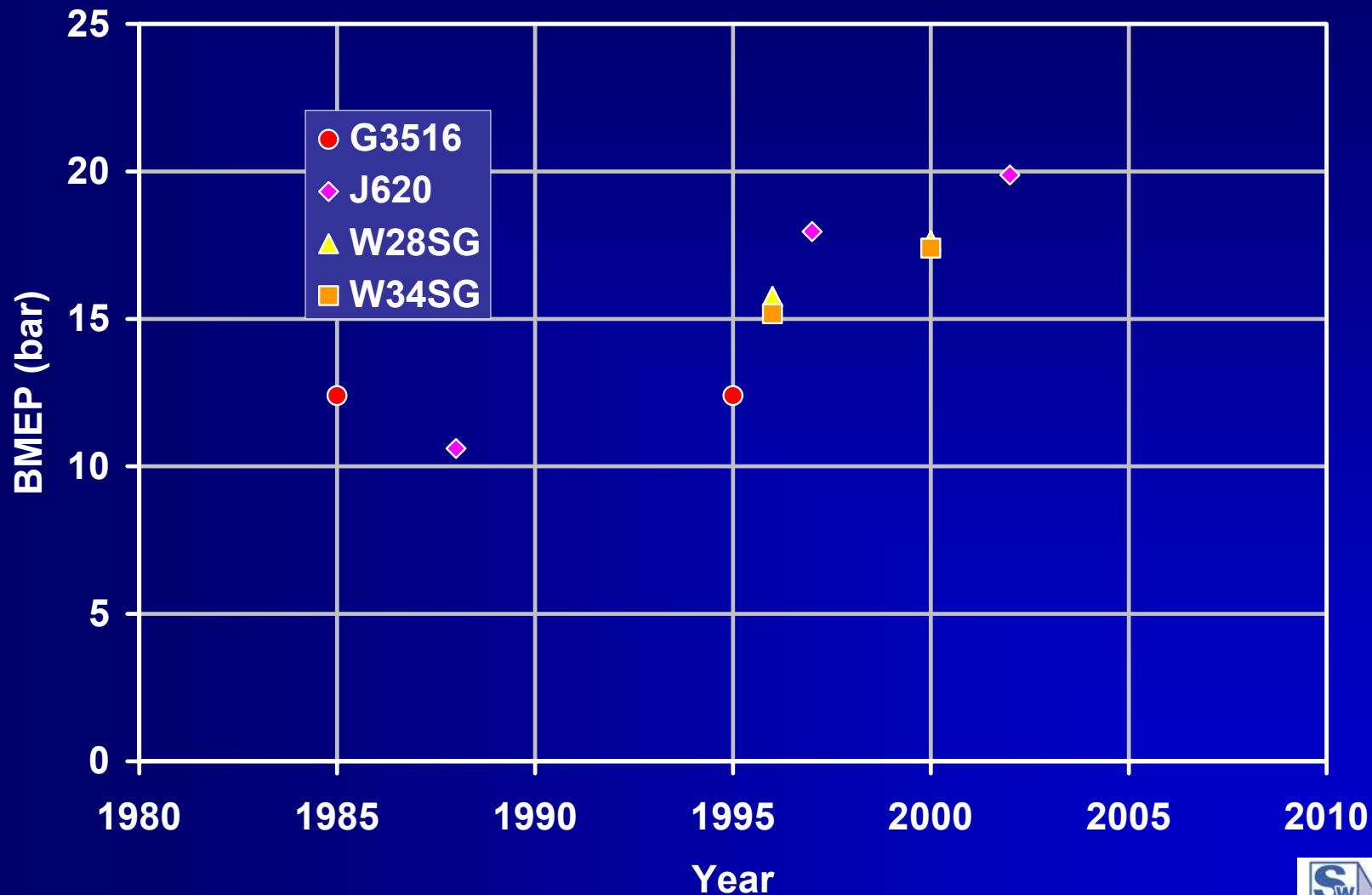


NOx-BTE Levels for 1-3 MW Engines



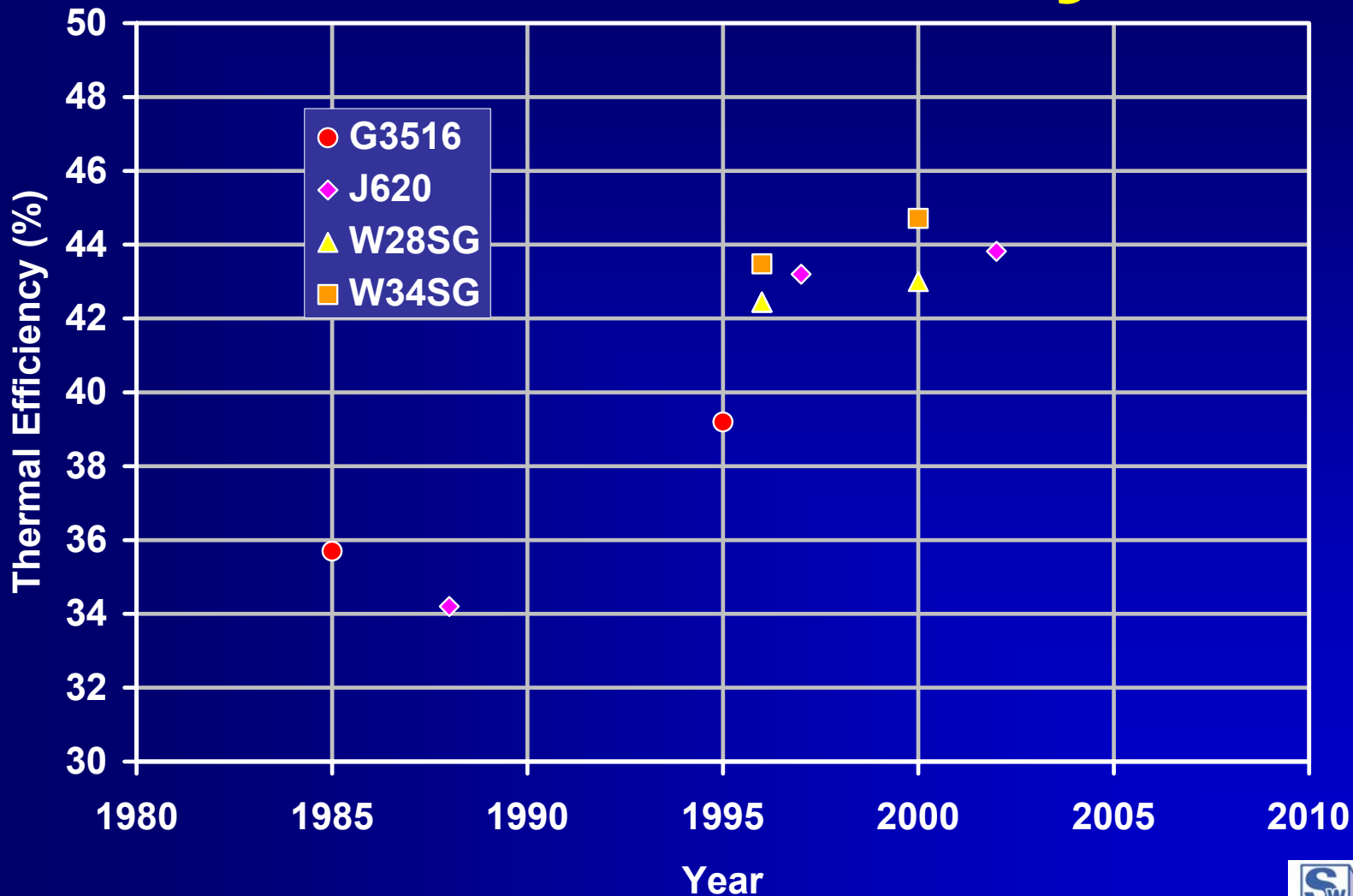


Brief Historical Trend for BMEP



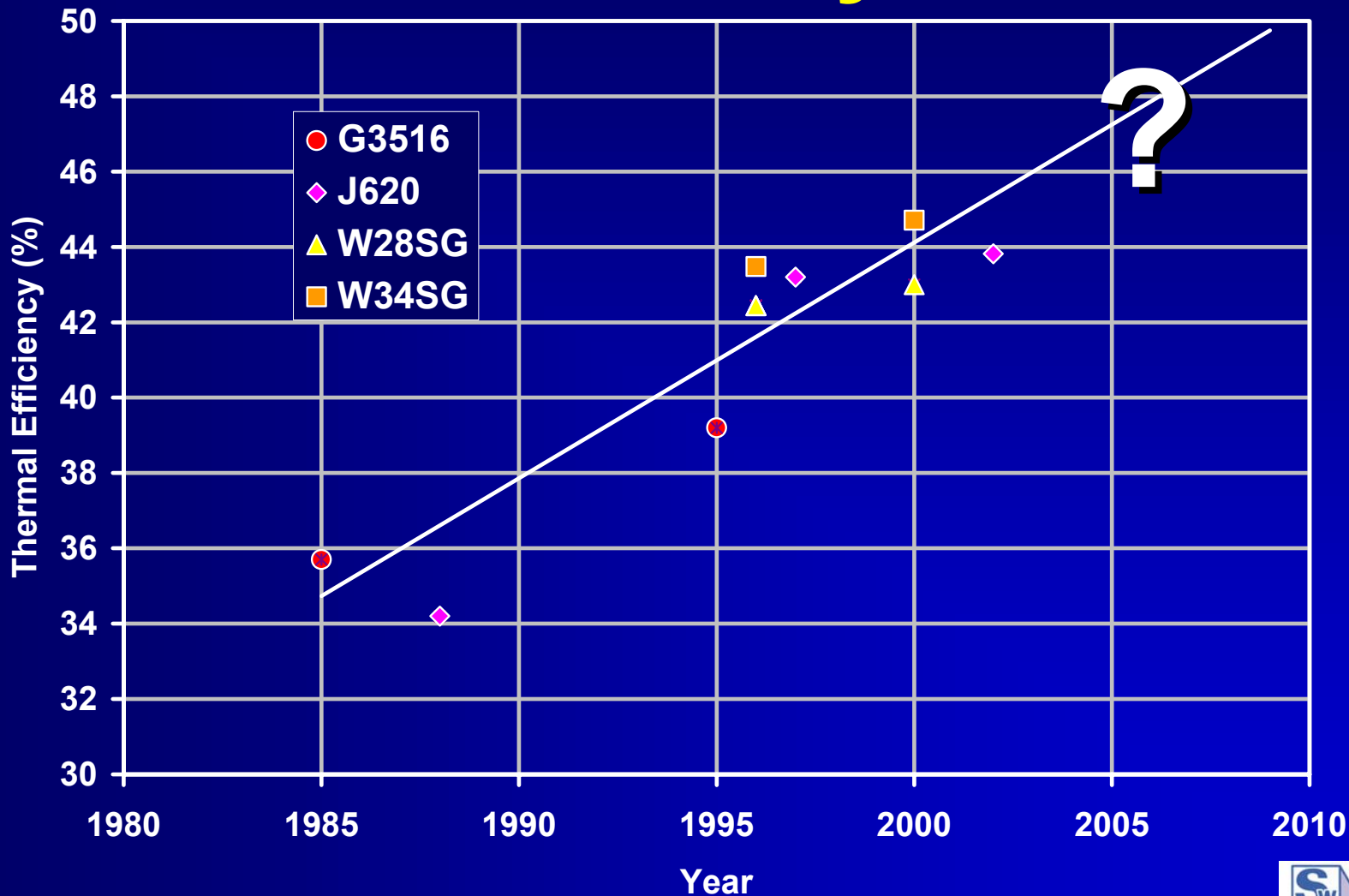


Brief Historical Trend for Thermal Efficiency



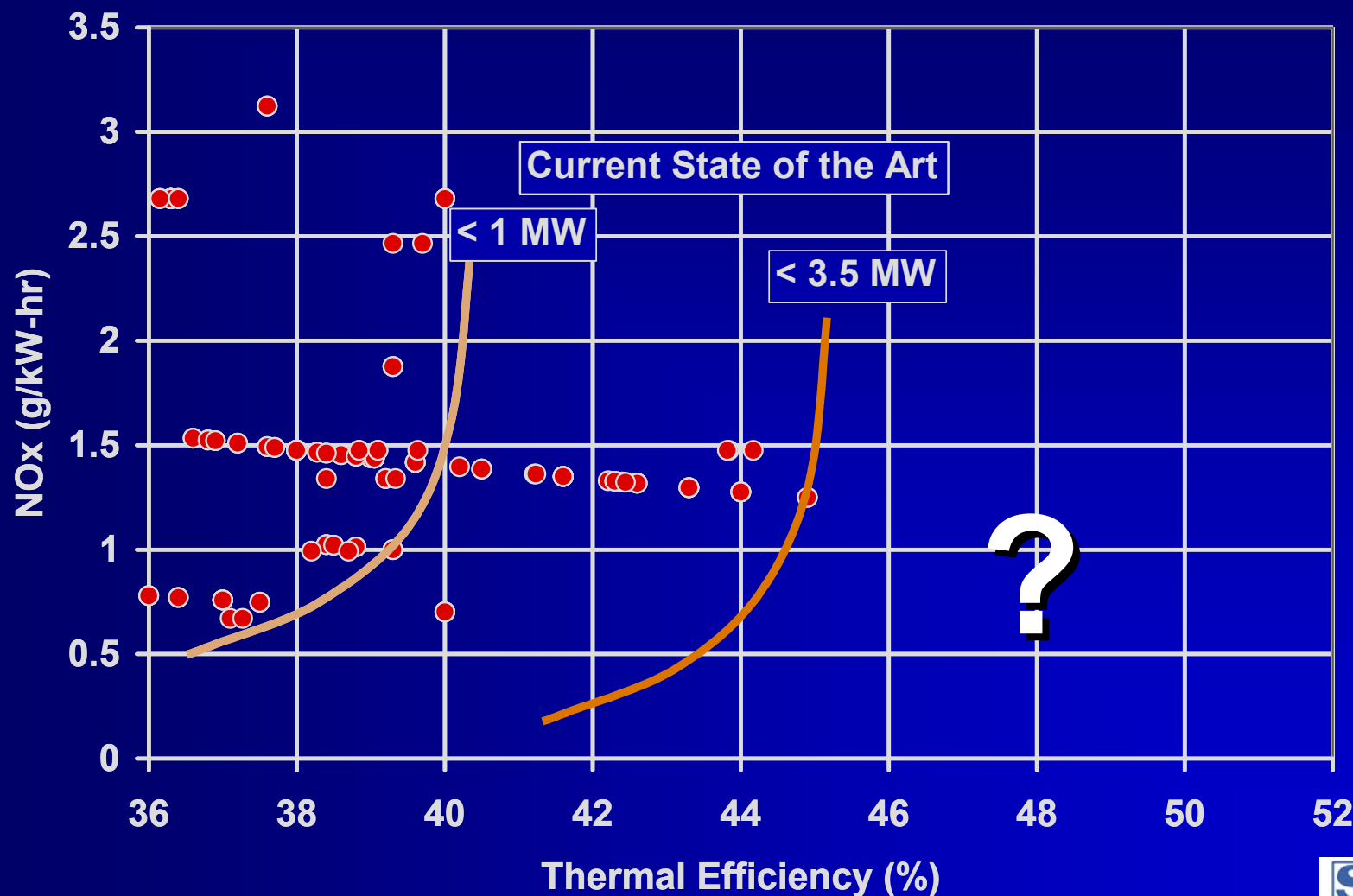


Future Trend for Thermal Efficiency





Future Development Targets for 1-3 MW Engines





ARES Program

ARES is a multi-faceted R&D program involving engine manufacturers, research laboratories, universities, and national laboratories.

**National Energy Technology Laboratory
Southwest Research Institute
Oak Ridge NL
Argonne NL
Sandia NL
Los Alamos NL**

**National
Laboratories**

**Engine
Manufacturers**

**Caterpillar
Cummins
Waukesha**

Universities

**Ohio State
Purdue
Colorado State
MIT
Michigan Tech
USC
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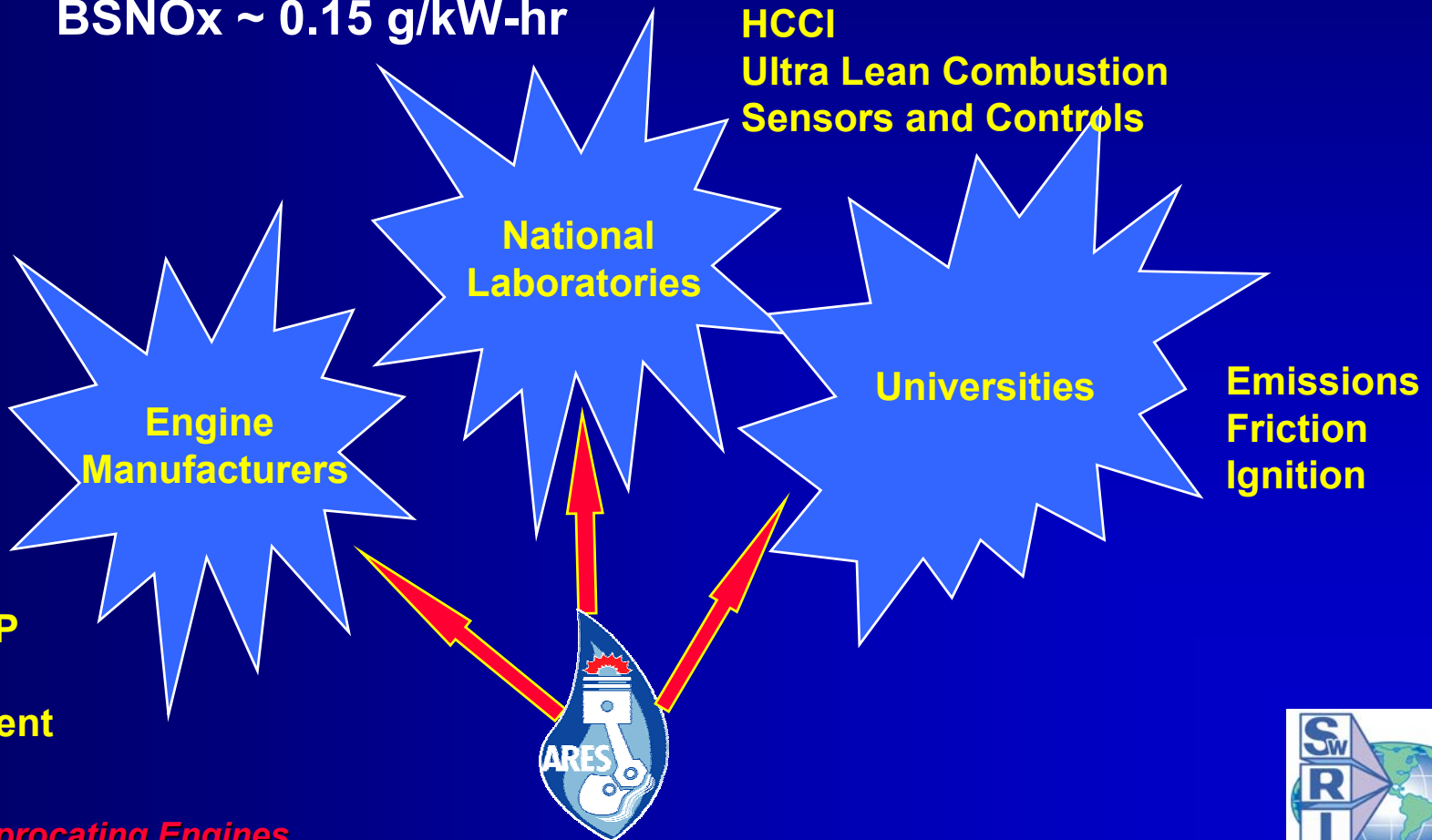
ARES Focused research areas

Short term targets ('05)

Efficiency ~ 46%

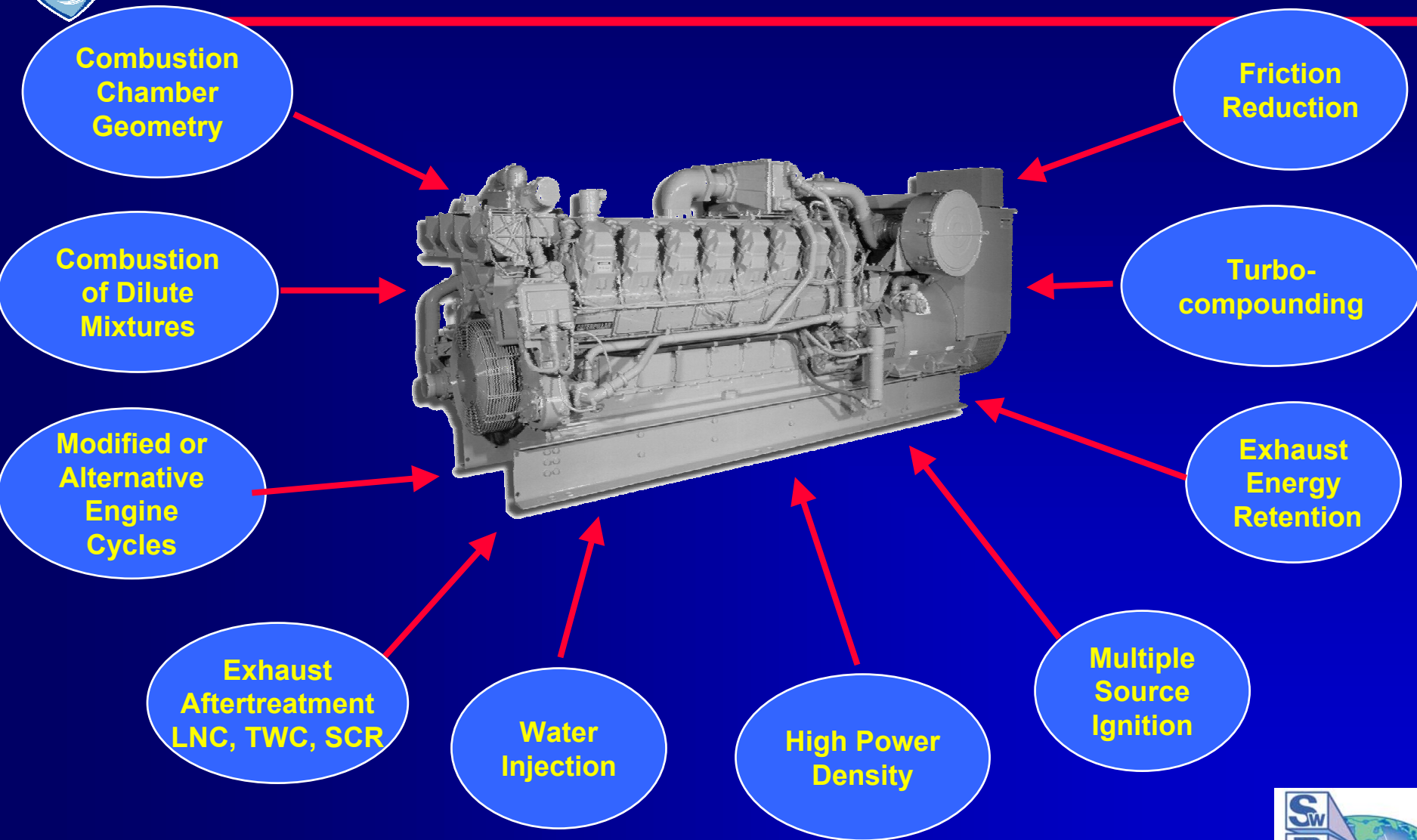
BSNOx ~ 0.15 g/kW-hr

**Knock Modeling
Dilute Combustion
HCCI
Ultra Lean Combustion
Sensors and Controls**





ARES Technologies





Simplified Methane Combustion Chemistry

Reactants



+



*Partial
Oxidation*

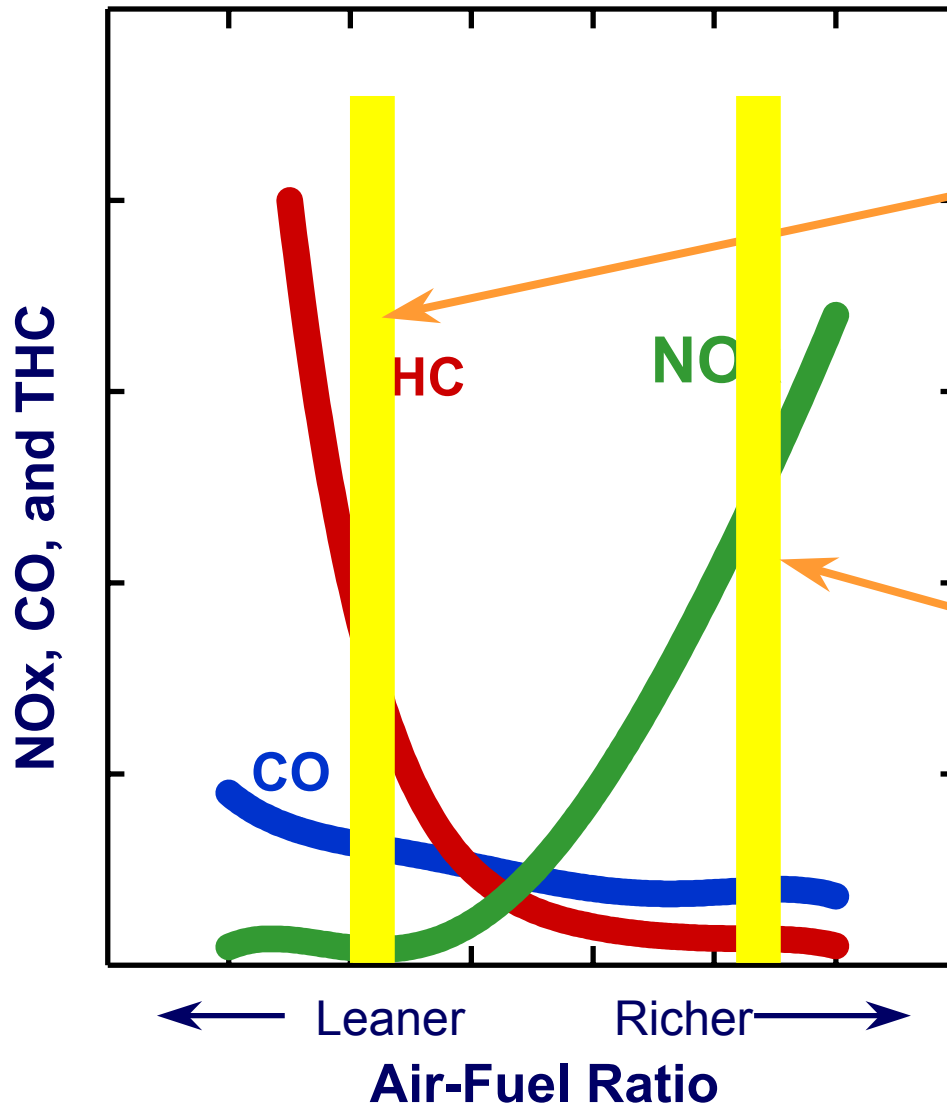


Products





Emission Levels and Air-Fuel Ratio Operating Range for Gas Engine



Lean Burn, combustion diluted with excess air, exhaust contains oxygen making catalytic aftertreatment of NOx problematic

Stoichiometric combustion Just enough air to consume all of the fuel, exhaust contains little oxygen enabling catalytic aftertreatment of NOx





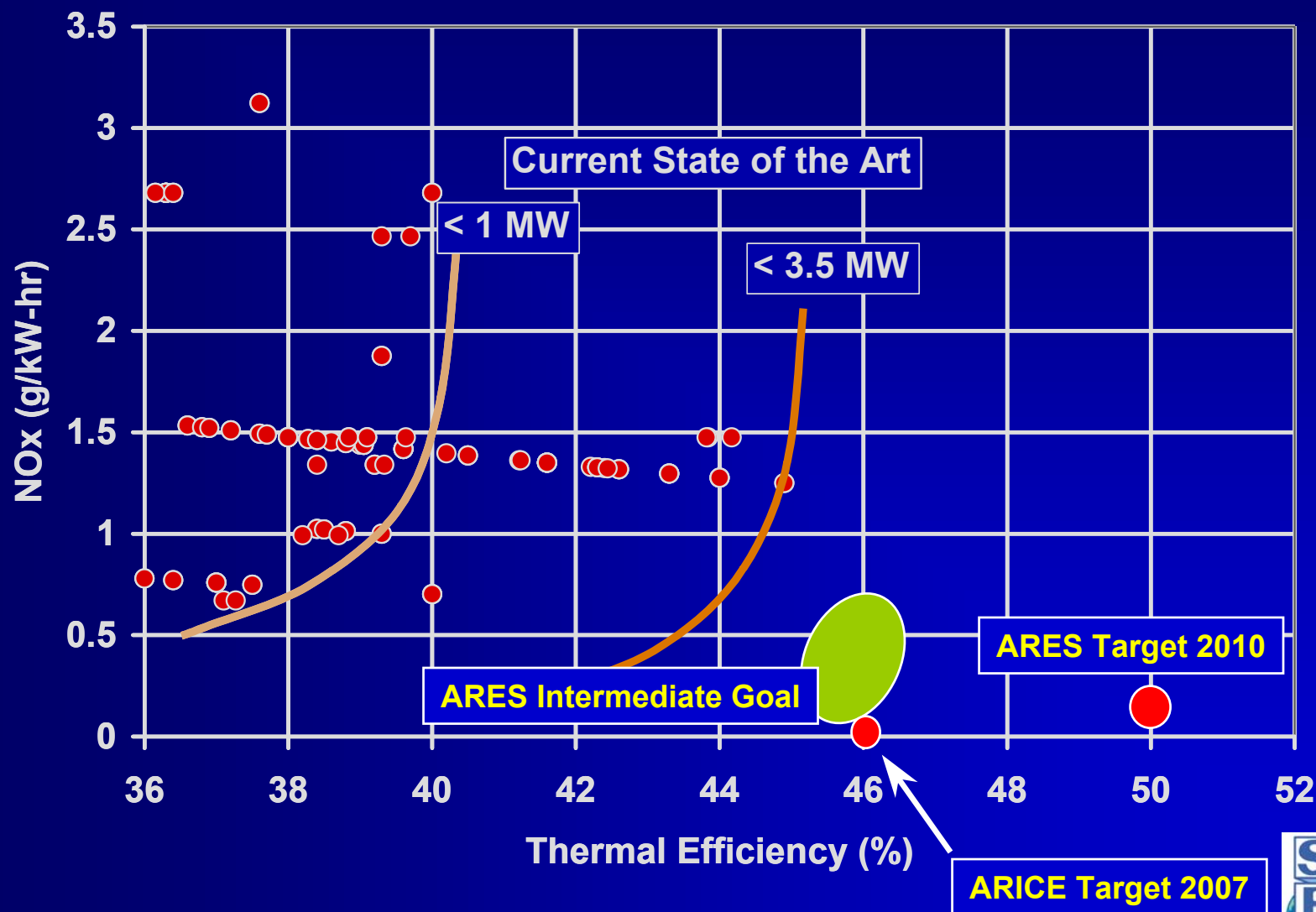
Aftertreatment

- Lean NO_x catalyst (LNC)
 - **Currently not a viable technology**
- Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)
 - **Viable for lean combustion, requires reductant (typically urea) that adds to operating costs**
 - **Potential for ammonia slip, control issue**
 - **90-95% efficiency**
- 3-way catalyst if no oxygen present in exhaust stream
 - **Proven in light duty, shorter life applications**
 - **Low capital cost relative to SCR**
 - **95-99% efficiency**



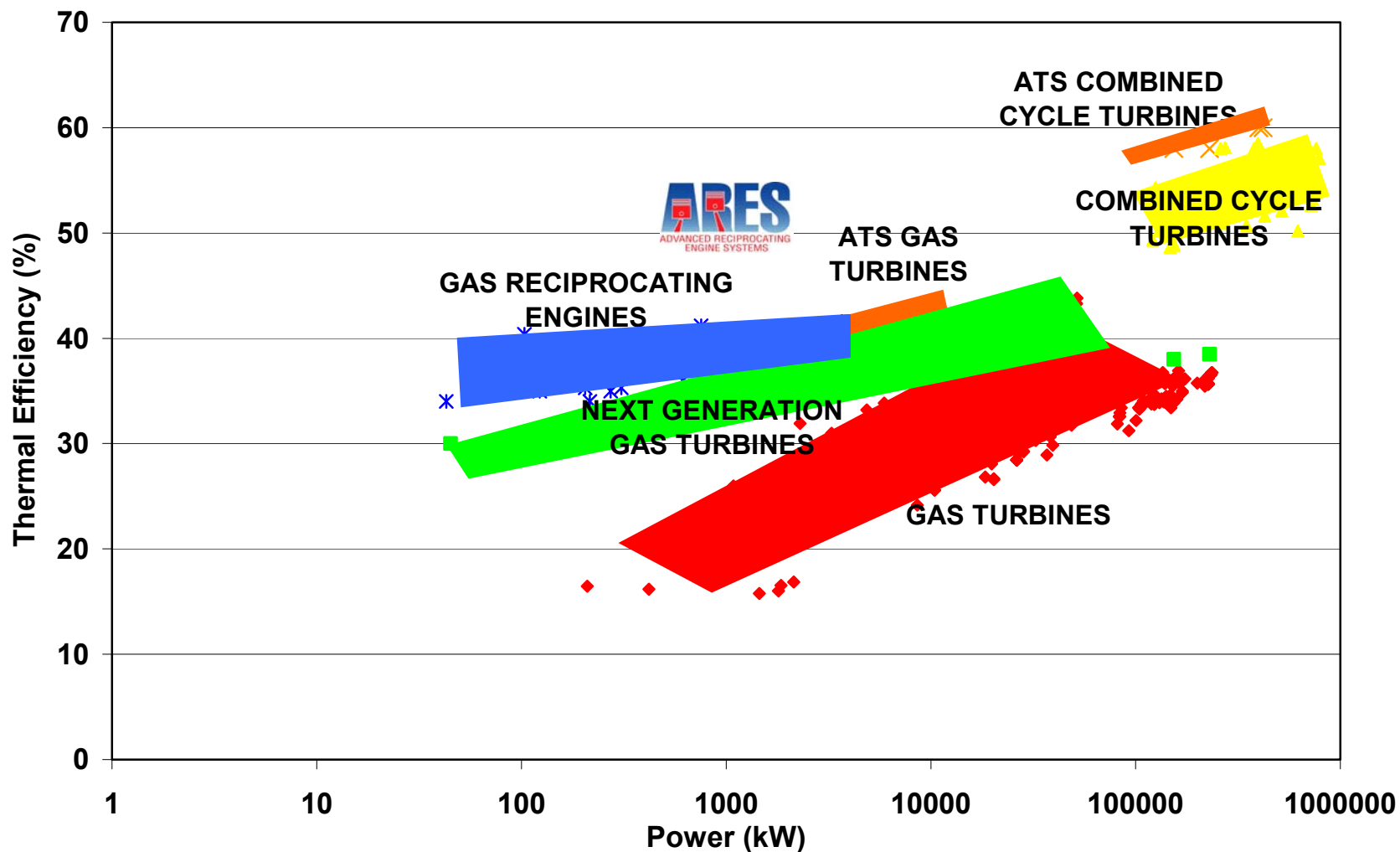


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Gas Engine vs. Turbine Efficiency





Upcoming Regulations

■ “National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPS) for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE)” (NESHAP)

■ Purpose

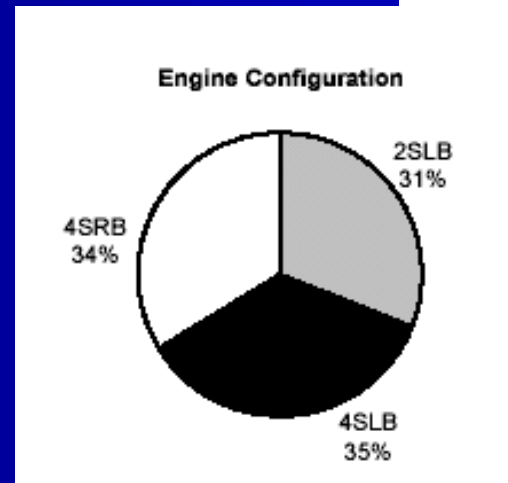
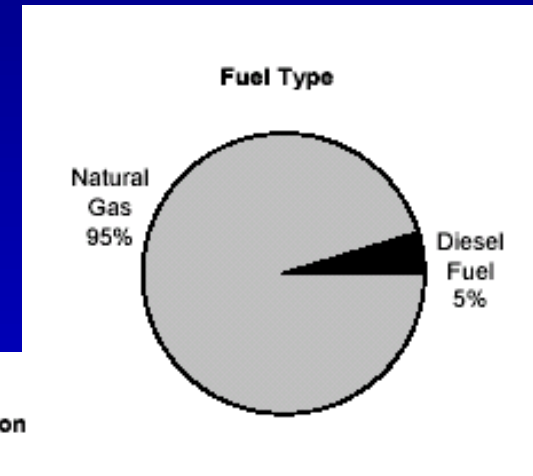
- Set regulatory standards for HAPs or Air Toxic Emissions from RICE
- HAPs of most concern
 - formaldehyde, acrolein, methanol, acetaldehyde





RICE - Subcategories

- Emergency power/limited use
- Landfill gas or digester gas combusted as primary fuel
- Engines less than 500 brake horsepower
- Other
 - Four stroke lean burn (4SLB)
 - Four stroke rich burn (4SRB)
 - Compression Ignition (CI)
 - Two stroke lean burn (2SLB)



Engine Inventory





RICE - Applicability

- The rule will apply to each stationary RICE located at a major source of HAP above 500HP
- Stationary RICE meeting any of the following criteria have no requirements except for an initial notification requirement:
 - Emergency power/limited use units
 - Units that combust digester or landfill gas as primary fuel
- Existing 2SLB, existing 4SLB, and existing CI have *no* requirements
- In summary, existing 4SRB and all new RICE have regulatory requirements





Analysis

- Rule basically requires an oxidation catalyst for new engines
- Most immediate impact in gas transmission industry - largest single concentration of RICE at major sources
- Many applications will not be greater than 500 hp or will not be located at major sources - so this rule will not apply





RICE MACT Schedule

- Proposed in December 19, 2002
- Comments until February 20, 2003
- Promulgation in February 28, 2004
- Engines installed after proposal must meet final rule





Summary

- Gas engine efficiency will continue to improve even as emission levels continue to decrease
- Concerted development efforts are required for continuous improvement to overcome technical barriers
- Advanced concepts will be required to achieve and exceed the projected development targets





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